

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3137, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Animal Control Officer		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund of the State (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to animal control officers. This Bill provides that an animal control officer has the same powers and duties as a litter control officer as defined in Section 4-9-145.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Law Enforcement Training Council indicates enactment of this Bill would require training for local animal control officers. The Training Council estimates the cost to train 176 officers at approximately \$105,600 in State General Funds. This includes other operating expenses, (housing, meals utilities and training supplies) associated with the training of Class 3 officers which is an 8 day legal training and does not include firearms training.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

There would be a fiscal impact in terms of fringe benefits expenses for those localities that classify these code enforcement officers as police officer for retirement system contribution purposes. If these officers are included in Police Officers Retirement System (PORS), the increased contribution rate to PORS would be the responsibility of the local entity.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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